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RESOLUTION 53465 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR TREASURER

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BATON ROUGE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CULTURAL PRODUCTS DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT SUCH APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes Local Governing Authorities to create Cultural Product Districts as a mechanism for community revitalization through the creation of hubs of cultural activity;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development is authorized to develop standard criteria for Cultural Product Districts and to determine whether or not a proposed Cultural Product District meets those criteria;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development has promulgated administrative rules which set forth the procedure for Local Governing Authorities to submit applications to designate and certify a specified geographic area as a Cultural Product District;

WHEREAS, a geographic area has been designated the Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment Cultural Products District, which area is generally comprised of the territory within the following boundaries:

North right of way of Main Street to the north;
West right of way of Fourth Street to the east;
Crown of Levee to the west; and River Center
north facade to the south.

WHEREAS, within the boundaries of a state-certified Cultural Product District, several tax incentives may be available including (1) a sales tax exemption on the sale of certain original

works of art, (2) individual income tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain owner-occupied residential or owner-occupied mixed use structures, and (3) income and corporate franchise tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain historic structures;

WHEREAS, the Council has received a request to support the extension of the boundaries for the Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment Cultural Products District so as to include the area bounded by the East Bank of the Mississippi River at Eiland Street to South Boulevard to the Kansas City Line Railroad to Choctaw Drive as shown on the attached map.

WHEREAS, only a Local Governing Authority is authorized to submit an application for the designation and certification of a Cultural Product District;

WHEREAS, a "Local Governing Authority" is defined as "the governing authority of the parish in which the Cultural Products District is located unless the district is located in a municipality, in which case "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the municipality. If the district is located partly in a municipality, "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the parish and the governing authority of the municipality";

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment Cultural Products District is located entirely within the municipality of The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge and therefore the Metropolitan Council of the City and Parish of East Baton Rouge would be the proper entity to submit an application for the certification and designation of the above described geographic area as a Cultural Product District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Metropolitan Council of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge that it does hereby:

Section 1. Support and endorse the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development to expand the Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment Cultural Products District so as to include the area bounded by the East Bank of the Mississippi River at Eiland Street to South Boulevard to the Kansas City Line Railroad to Choctaw Drive as shown on the attached map; and

Section 2. Delegate its authority to submit said application and all supporting documents, reports, and other forms required for the creation of, administration and reporting to the Downtown Development District; and

Section 3. Direct all City-Parish employees to support and cooperate with efforts to compile all necessary information and data required for the application and all subsequent reporting necessary for the administration of the Cultural Product District at no charge to the Baton Rouge Arts & Entertainment Cultural Products District; and

Section 4. Request all affected citizens and businesses to support and promote activities consistent with the purposes of the Cultural Product District; and

Section 5. Authorize the Mayor-President to sign any and all documents required for the creation and administration of the Cultural Product District.



BATON ROUGE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CULTURAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY EXPANSION

West boundary is the east bank of the Mississippi River at Eiland Street, south to South Boulevard, east to Interstate I-110, north along eastern curvature of Interstate I-110 to the Kansas City Line Railroad, north along railroad to Choctaw Drive, west along railroad, following southern curve of railroad near River Road, south on railroad, west to river at Eiland Street.

EXPANDED BOUNDARY 

ORIGINAL BOUNDARY 